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As discussed with Examiner Ford, enclosed is a copy of the December 20, 2000 Preliminary Amendment and a copy of a postcard stamped by the USPTO verifying that the Preliminary Amendment and a check for \$332.00 was received on December 27, 2000.

Applicants request that the October 2, 2003 Restriction Requirement, which did not take into account the claims in the December 20, 2000 Preliminary Amendment, be withdrawn and a new Restriction Requirement be issued.

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